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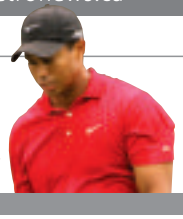

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New rules for charities

120 organizations agree to tougher fundraising policies

A total of 120 charities have signed a new code of ethics that promises donors honesty and more bang for their buck.

Many more are in the final stages of agreeing to tough new fundraising and accountability rules, says the philanthropic group trying to improve donor trust in Canada.

"These charities are aspiring to be the best in the way they conduct fundraising. They want to be ethical and they want to be known to be ethical," said Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, president of Imagine Canada.

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The list includes big charities like United Way of Greater Toronto, SickKids Foundation and Plan Canada. Smaller ones like the Red Door Family Shelter in Toronto and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver also made the list.

With 82,000 charities in Canada, Steinsky-Schwartz realizes they have a long way to go.

"What pleases me the most is how serious charities are taking this. They are doing quite a bit of due diligence, checking to see if their organization is complying with ethical fundraising rules in the code."

Each charity has then been checked out in a sort of gentle scrutiny by Imagine Canada.

The group looks at its charitable financial returns, asks some questions of staff, and requires the chair of the board and executive director to sign the code and make certain representations.

For example, charities that sign on vow they will never use commission-based fundraising, which the Toronto Star has found often leads to aggressive tactics — some canvassers are not paid unless you donate.

They also promise to avoid misleading or fake claims. Donors who have a problem with a charity should complain first to the charity.

If their complaint is not answered satisfactorily they can make a formal complaint to Imagine Canada, which has a volunteer committee of experts that will look into the problem. The only enforcement teeth it has is to remove the charity from the list of code signatories.

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Shooting victim mourned

Mourners embrace following the funeral service for Dylan Ellis at Rosedale United Church yesterday. Ellis was gunned down last week along with friend Oliver Martin. **Story, page 3.**

4.1 million Canadians without doc: Study

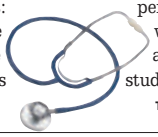
Over the four times Dawn Beharry has been stricken with the same, persistent infection since January, she has had one wish: That she could see a family doctor who would remember her.

She can't find one.

Beharry, 26, is one of 4.1 million Canadians aged 12 or older who are without a family doctor, according to the 2007 Canadian Community Health Survey. The report was released yesterday.

Among its worrying statistics: Recent immigrants, women, the poor and the young were all more likely than the bulk of Canadians not to have a regular doctor.

Only 65 per cent of immigrants who have been in Canada for five years or less have access to a family physician, compared to 85 per cent for the whole country, according to the study.



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Shot victim recalled as 'fun-loving'

Cody Ellis took a long uneven breath, then told more than 500 mourners yesterday that his younger sibling taught him how to be a good person.

But he could barely go any further.

A cue card clenched between his fingers, Cody's breathing quickened and his shoulders shook each time he tried to talk about Dylan Ellis — his kid brother who was gunned down last week along with lifelong friend Oliver Martin.

"All I ever wanted was to make you proud," he finally said. "I love you. I love you."

Ellis and Martin, both 25, were killed early Friday when a gunman opened fire on Ellis' father's Range Rover outside a Richmond Street West condominium.

Martin's funeral will be held this afternoon.

At yesterday's service, a parade of friends spoke about Ellis, punctuating the ceremony with lighthearted moments. They described their friend as fun-loving, goofy and rarely serious.

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Mubin Shaikh gestures as he leaves Brampton court yesterday after testifying at the trial of an alleged terror cell member.

Mole lied: Crown

Prosecutor calls some testimony 'an invention'

In a stunning turn of events, a Crown prosecutor yesterday accused his star witness in the Toronto 18 terror case of fabricating some of the evidence about a so-called terrorist training camp.

Police mole Mubin Shaikh was caught off guard by prosecutor John Neander's suggestion that he had lied when he said the youth on trial did not know the true purpose of the camp.

Neander called some of Shaikh's testimony "an invention" designed to protect the defendant.

Although Shaikh agreed that he considered himself "a protector of the vulnerable" — a reference to the youths who attended the December 2005 camp — he rejected any notion that he had been untruthful on the witness stand.

In making his case, Neander pointed to inconsistencies in three areas of testimony given by Shaikh during this trial and in previous proceedings.

Justice John Sproat permitted Neander to cross-examine Shaikh, saying the evidence was key to shedding light on what the youths knew about the true purpose of the camp by the time it ended. Three of the youths have since had their charges stayed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

streetcar

Right-of-way too narrow: Report

CONTROVERSY The St. Clair West streetcar right-of-way once again is mired in controversy as TTC officials yesterday threw cold water on a report suggesting it's unsafe for fire trucks.

The Toronto Fire Services report suggests the right-of-way down the centre is too narrow for fire trucks to navigate safely when they must mount it to bypass traffic. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

»news In Brief

» **ARRESTS** A sophisticated "skimming" ring that produced a hoard of phony debit cards could have cost GTA residents several million dollars. On Tuesday, following a six-week investigation, police raided two "sophisticated labs," one in an industrial complex in York region, another in a Toronto apartment. Eight people were arrested.

» **SENTENCE** Superior Court Justice John McMahon sentenced Marvin Green, 30, to 10 years in prison yesterday, but gave him three years' credit for time already served. Green shot Dennis Oppong dead during a road rage incident on Dec. 3, 2006.

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This Sunday, June 22, the TTC will scale back frequencies on many routes across Toronto while extending a few others to serve summertime destinations like High Park and the Don Valley Brick Works. Riders of the Scarborough RT and the northern end of the Yonge subway should take special note: After midnight you may be taking a bus.

Scarborough residents are used to the RT shutting down for repairs, and they'll again have to use a bus, starting just around midnight this Sunday. Since traffic is light at that time, the replacement express service should be fairly speedy. Visit *ttc.ca* for exact times.

The late-night bus alternatives may not be as convenient for Yonge subway regulars. I'm guessing that more than a few people will be surprised when they have to switch to buses at Lawrence station after 12:30 a.m.

The TTC needs more work hours each night (except Saturdays) to rebuild parts of the tunnel under Yonge Street, and the project will affect northern sections of this line "into 2009," according to ttc.ca, and further closures are expected until 2010.

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To share tips on coping with these changes join the Facebook.com group "TTC Disruptions."

GO Transit has already reduced frequencies on routes that serve post-secondary students, so come June 28 it has only increases planned. Perhaps the most anticipated development is more frequent buses between Brampton and Union Station during periods when trains aren't running along the parallel Georgetown line — especially weekends.

Although no GTA commuter train increases are imminent, there are two other welcome additions to GO's network after June 28. Visit *gotransit.com* for details of new weekday bus service between the Milton and Bronte GO stations as well as between Stoney Creek and Burlington GO station.

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Toronto-based accessibility and design critic Joe Clark is probably the last person I want to misrepresent — but in a recent column I should have reported he is actually concerned that visually-impaired people will be the only people with disabilities for whom the new TTC site will be accessible.

I spoke with the commission's Alice Smith, who tells me that the updated version of ttc.ca will be tested to ensure it works not only with various types of browsers, but also special devices and programs that allow people who have partial or no vision to access transit information. Testing is also planned for people who do not have the ability to use a mouse or a keyboard.

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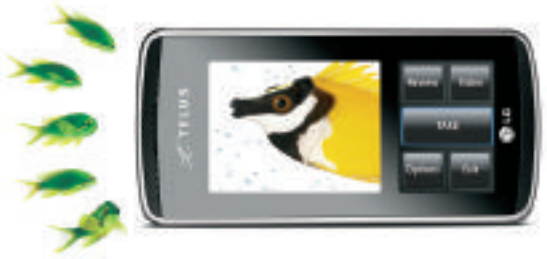

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Grits to shuffle deck

Smitherman expected to move to energy role

'lighter workload'

» The high-level job swap has been brewing since St. Patrick's Day, when Phillips, 67, met with McGuinty and asked for a lighter workload within the next six months or so.

A sputtering economy and energy concerns have forced Premier Dalton McGuinty to unleash Health Minister George Smitherman on Ontario's $26.3-billion nuclear expansion and its $60-billion upgrading of transit, roads and infrastructure.

McGuinty is announcing a cabinet shuffle tomorrow in which veteran MPP Gerry Phillips steps down as energy minister, with Smitherman taking on his job and the duties of Public Infrastructure Renewal Minister David Caplan, government sources say.

The dual role in an energy and infrastructure super ministry will "shore up" both fields at a critical time, a senior government source told the Toronto Star, as opposition parties raise concerns about mounting layoffs and the ability to keep the lights on in Ontario.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canadian forces root out Taliban

Afghan and Canadian forces moved into villages in the Arghandab district outside Kandahar yesterday to root out Taliban militants, killing at least 36 insurgents, the Afghan Defence Ministry said.

The ministry said more than 20 Taliban fighters were killed in the village of Tabin, while 16 fighters were killed in Khohak. Both communities are in Arghandab, a strategic river valley reported infiltrated by Taliban fighters after a dramatic prison break in Kandahar city last Friday.

Two Afghan government soldiers were killed yesterday, the ministry said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guards **Helping hand**

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A member of the Governor General's Ceremonial Guard is carried to a shaded area yesterday after fainting during a ceremony where Gov.-Gen. Michaëlle Jean inspected the guards at Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

»news In Brief

» **HORSES** An animal rights group, backed by Toronto lawyer Clayton Ruby, is calling for an all-out ban on the slaughter of horses for human consumption in Canada — a practice that has increased here since it was stopped in the United States. Ruby called the slaughter of horses in Canada "shockingly inhumane" and said the Canadian Food Inspection Agency does not properly police the slaughtering of horses for human consumption and it should be banned.

» **POT** The case of Clifford Long and the constitutional validity of Canada's pot possession law remains up in the air while the 30-year-old tries to find a lawyer and funding to defend himself. Long was charged in 2005 with having 3.5 grams of marijuana. But Ontario Court Justice Howard Borenstein acquitted him last summer after ruling the country's pot law is unconstitutional. The Crown appealed and yesterday the case was scheduled to proceed.

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civil rights

Group to monitor no-fly lists

PROJECT A Canadian civil rights coalition plans to document the impact of no-fly lists and other government watch lists on the Canadian public.

The International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group's project will compile stories from travellers about run-ins with airlines, transport and border officials throughout Canada and the U.S. The objective is to inform the public of the current no-fly list practices and to monitor the impact on human rights.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP to limit use of Tasers

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RCMP complaints commission chairman Paul Kennedy discusses his report on the RCMP's use of Tasers in Ottawa.

Watchdog lists recommendations following inquiry

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Toronto

Eight months after the high-profile death of Polish immigrant Robert Dziekanski, the head of the public watchdog over the RCMP has released a report with a dozen recommendations regarding Taser use.

Paul Kennedy, the RCMP complaints commission chairman, said Tasers should only be used in situations where an individual poses a risk of "death or grievous bodily harm" and the RCMP must always seek immediate medical treatment for the individual.

He also recommended that Taser use be restricted to only RCMP members with a corporal rank or higher in urban settings and constables with at least five years experience in rural settings.

"Our recommendations are designed to hold the RCMP publicly accountable for its use of a weapon that has caused considerable apprehension among Canadians and to control usage creep," said Kennedy in a statement.

The RCMP issued a statement yesterday saying it would act on the recommendations as quickly as possible.

Murray Mollard, executive director of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, said the report is a step in the right direction but Tasers should be subject to strong government regulation.

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tax cuts

» Income tax cuts for individuals would total $11 billion annually once the program is fully implemented in four years, with the other $4.5 billion going for corporate tax reductions.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion will promise today to return $15.5 billion in "carbodollars" annually to Canadians to compensate for sharply rising "taxes on pollution."

The across-the-board income tax cuts are a key part of his four-year strategy to wean consumers and business off carbon-based energy to boost conservation and tackle global warming.

Dion will claim that most Canadians — particularly low-income earners, the elderly and rural residents — would get back more in tax savings than they would be paying in higher energy costs under his "green" economic blueprint, sources say.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Replace climate plan: Group

An environmental group asked a federal court yesterday to order the Conservative government to replace its own climate change plan with one designed to meet Canada's obligations under the Kyoto Protocol.

Backed by every opposition party, a Liberal bill that was supposed to require the Conservatives to create a plan to meet Kyoto emissions requirements became law in 2007. But the Conservatives opposed it, saying its implementation could trigger an "economic collapse," and the plan Environment Minister John Baird introduced in August ignored the Kyoto mandates.

"All government action must comply with the law," the group that launched the legal challenge, Friends of the Earth, wrote in its court submission.

"The will of Parliament is paramount and no administrative or executive authority is entitled to contravene it."

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»news In Brief

» **HOLOCAUST** Canada is set to become a member of an international task force dedicated to keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive. The Task Force for International Co-operation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research announced in Austria yesterday that Ottawa was being given liaison country status in the body.

» **COURT** Lawyers are seeking a delay in the trial of Canadian John Graham charged in the decades-old slaying of a fellow member of the American Indian Movement in South Dakota.

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Hopes, fears over truce

Israel, Hamas show guarded optimism

Palestinian militants fired 50 rockets and mortars toward Israel yesterday, and Israel responded with air strikes in Gaza just hours before a truce was to take effect, illustrating how fragile the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas would be.

In another diplomatic initiative, Israel called on neighbouring Lebanon to open peace negotiations, an overture that was quickly rejected by Lebanon's prime minister.

After a year of violence that has killed more than 400 Palestinians and seven Israelis, the leaders of both sides expressed hope a truce would succeed but made clear they have little faith in their adversaries' commitment to the deal.

"I hope it will succeed. I believe there will be quiet in (Israel's) south," Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said. But he also said he instructed his military "to prepare for any operation, short or long, that might be necessary" if the truce breaks down as several previous ones have.

In Gaza, Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh said the truce would ease the lives of Gazans, but success or failure was in Israel's hands. "The calm is going to bring stability to Israel if they commit themselves to it," he said.

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Egypt's help

» The truce deal between Israel and Hamas was reached after months of efforts by Egypt and could avert a large-scale Israeli military incursion.

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A Palestinian man looks though the window of a building damaged in recent years of conflict with Israel in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, yesterday.

Michelle Obama lauds first lady

Michelle Obama said yesterday she was "touched" that Laura Bush, wife of the U.S. president, came to her defence after she was harshly criticized by Republicans for her February comment that for the first time in her adult life she was proud of the United States.

Obama, wife of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, later clarified her remarks, saying she had always been proud of her country and was particularly proud to see so many people involved in the political process.

In an interview last week with ABC, Bush said, "I think she probably meant 'I'm more proud,' you know, is what she really meant."

Michelle Obama told ABC's The View that she sent Bush a note for her remarks. "But I was touched by it," Michelle Obama said. "And that's what I like about Laura Bush. You know, just calm, rational approach to these issues ... There's a reason why people like her. It's because she doesn't, sort of, you know, fuel the fire."

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campaign comment

» At a campaign stop in February, Michelle Obama told an audience in Milwaukee: "For the first time in my adult life, I am really proud of my country. Not just because Barack is doing well, but I think people are hungry for change."

Leaders at TV host's funeral

The crowd at Tim Russert's funeral yesterday would have made a great panel on his Sunday morning news show.

The two men vying to become president, senators Barack Obama and John McCain, were there, as were members of Congress, television journalists and several generations of politicians from both parties.

Obama and McCain sat next to each other, as requested by the Russert family.

Russert

"It is not easy to preach a homily for Tim and to communicate the feelings we all share concerning this remarkable man, for he was truly one of the great communicators in American society," Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, the archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C., said.

Russert, the host of the Sunday morning talk show Meet The Press, died Friday of a heart attack at the age of 58.

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earthquake

Rescued woman gives birth to girl

CHINA In the 50 hours she was trapped under rubble after last month's earthquake, mother-to-be Zhang Xiaoyan prayed hardest not for her own life but for her baby's survival. Yesterday, she got her wish, giving birth to a healthy, pink-cheeked 7.3-pound girl. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bush eyes offshore oil drilling

U.S. president urges Congress to lift ban

With gasoline topping $4 US a gallon in the United States, President George W. Bush urged Congress yesterday to lift a long-standing ban on offshore oil and gas drilling, saying the U.S. needs to increase its energy production.

governator's stand

» California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger disagrees with calls by Bush and McCain. Schwarzenegger spokesman Aaron McLear says the Republican governor still supports McCain's presidential bid despite their disagreement.

"There is no excuse for delay," the president said in the Rose Garden outside the White House.

With the presidential election on the horizon, Bush blamed Democratic lawmakers for opposing his energy policies and for high gasoline costs. His proposal echoed a call by Republican presidential candidate John McCain to open the outer continental shelf for exploration. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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More levees break

Mississippi River spreads havoc across Midwest

Floodwaters breached two levees in western Illinois yesterday and the U.S. government said up to 30 more could overflow along the Mississippi River. The warnings were more potential bad news for residents in the U.S. Midwest, a region where flooding across six states has been blamed for more than 20 deaths and the evacuations of thousands of people.

Yesterday's breaches flooded farmland near the hamlet of Meyer and south of there in the Indian Graves levee district, Adams County Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Julie Shepard said.

Meyer, a town of 40 to 50 people, had to be evacuated, and authorities patrolled the town yesterday morning to make sure no one was left behind, she said. Flooding around Meyer could swamp an area equivalent to about 22 square kilometres in the largely rural area, Shepard said.

Twenty levees have already overflowed this week, the Army Corps of Engineers said. The other levees could overflow if sandbagging efforts fail to raise the levees' levels.

The levees in danger protect rural, industrial and agricultural areas. The levees protecting large towns are not at risk of overflowing, officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

death toll

» Since June 6, there have been 24 deaths and 148 injuries because of storms and flooding.

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A farm is flooded by the Mississippi River after the Indian Grave Drainage District levee break north of Quincy, Ill., and south of the town of Meyer, Ill., yesterday.

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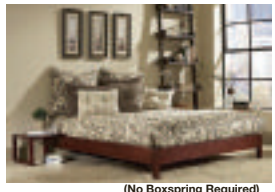

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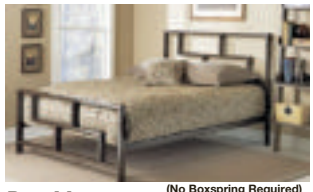

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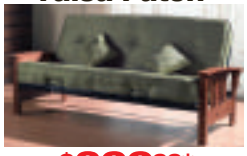

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France to revamp workweek rules

Sarkozy aims to make 35-hour law more flexible

France's conservative government plans new rules aimed at allowing companies and employees to get around laws mandating a 35-hour workweek.

The cabinet proposal would retain the legal limit on working hours but allow companies to negotiate opt-outs with employees.

The move is the latest by President Nicolas Sarkozy's government to roll back the work-share plan introduced by a Socialist government 10 years ago.

Sarkozy calls the 35-hour workweek an economic mistake that did not create jobs as intended. But he has said he will not abolish it.

At the cabinet meeting yesterday, Sarkozy reiterated his focus on "unlocking" the 35-hour workweek, according to government spokesman Luc Chatel. "It's the last phase to repair damage done by enacting the 35 hours."

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tax-free overtime

» One of the first measures Sarkozy pushed after being elected last year was a law making overtime pay tax-free. That was to encourage people to work more than the 35 hours.

Letter phobia appeal nixed

A German court has ruled against a woman who cited an unusual phobia in asking that her child support benefits be restored. The phobia: Fear of contents of official letters.

Evidence in the case before a court in western Rhineland-Palatinate state said the woman, who it did not identify, was sent a letter in May 2007 asking that she supply evidence to support continued payments for her daughter. After she failed to respond in July 2007, she was notified the money was being cut off and she was being given one month to appeal.

Only in September did she reply and supply the requested documents, telling authorities she had a phobia of official correspondence.

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»news In Brief

» **CHINA** A human rights organization based in Hong Kong says a retired Chinese schoolteacher who criticized the construction of schools that collapsed in last month's powerful earthquake has been detained. The Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy said police detained Zeng Hongling on charges of "inciting state subversion."

» **ITALY** Police say they have arrested 33 suspected members of Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebel group in pre-dawn raids across Italy. Police in Naples said yesterday they believe the suspects extorted money in the various cities and sent it home to finance the rebel group.

» **GREECE** The Athens Geodynamic Institute says an earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.7 struck near the Greek capital before dawn yesterday. No injuries or damage were reported.

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GTA home resales fall 14 per cent

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"We are starting to push the limits of affordability, and what you are seeing now is less hyperactive buying in the market" said Toronto housing analyst Will Dunning.

New-home sales are also down significantly in the Toronto area, by 23 per cent in the first five months of the year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Air Canada Jazz

Carrier expected to cut some routes

CAPACITY Passengers of regional airline Air Canada Jazz could face more limited flying choices this fall as a result of Air Canada's decision to cut capacity to deal with the rising price of fuel, industry analysts said yesterday.

Observers believe the regional carrier could cut capacity by up to 5 per cent in 2009. Leisure and some U.S. business routes will be most impacted, said David Newman of National Bank Financial. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Execs optimistic about future

Leaner, smarter manufacturing

Canada's troubled manufacturing sector can survive and even thrive, but only by becoming more global, leaner and smarter and outsourcing jobs to low-wage countries such as China and India, a new survey of North American executives has found.

The prescription, in a Deloitte consulting firm survey of 321 leading manufacturing executives in Canada, the United States and Mexico, will come as both welcome and bitter news to the about two million Canadians still employed in the sector.

impact of slowdown

» The TD Bank says the Canadian economy will continue to feel the impacts of the U.S. slowdown for at least the next two years, limiting growth to 1 per cent this year.

"What surprised me is how optimistic not only Canadian, but North American manufacturers are about the future of the business," said Jayson Myers of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters.

"This is a $600-billion business in Canada that may be employing fewer people and may be going through tremendous change and challenges right now, but by no means is manufacturing going out of business." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Testing time **Cutting out the clatter**

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Jamal Saad holds a smoke wand during a wind tunnel test at Ford Motor Co.'s Driveability Test Facility in Allen Park, Mich. As automakers continue to improve quality, engineers are spending thousands of hours inside wind tunnels using computers, microphones and their ears to rid vehicles of as much clatter as possible, knowing that wind noise is the No. 1 consumer complaint in the closely watched J.D. Power and Associates initial quality survey.

Slide in same-day car travel stops

Same-day car travel from the United States levelled off in April, halting a series of seven straight monthly declines.

Statistics Canada reports Canadian residents made fewer trips to both the United States and overseas countries in April.

Americans made 743,000 same-day car trips to Canada in April, virtually unchanged from March. But that was about half as many as four years ago. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Online ads show explosive growth

Eyeballs migrate to Internet: Report

Internet advertising will continue to grow at a blistering pace in Canada, blossoming into a $3.4-billion US industry over the next five years as more consumers migrate to their computers and mobile devices to access multimedia content, says a new report.

PricewaterhouseCoopers' latest Global Entertainment Media Outlook suggests that online advertising is already enjoying unparalleled growth in this country, soaring 33.2 per cent to $1.3 billion last year. By 2012, web-based advertising is expected to remain "Canada's fastest growing segment," boasting a 21.1 per cent growth rate.

"Keyword search, classified advertising, and online video advertising … will be the fastest-growing components," said Jerry Brown of Pricewaterhouse. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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» **AIRPORT** With some of the highest landing fees in the world, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority will reveal today a plan to cut fees charged to cargo airlines by 25 per cent next year based on market research that showed Pearson was losing business to other airports, rail and trucking companies. The change goes into effect Jan. 1

» **AEROSPACE** Canada's aerospace industry will post its highest profit level in five years this year, as production is expected to surpass its previous peak, the Conference Board of Canada says. Profits are expected to reach $533 million this year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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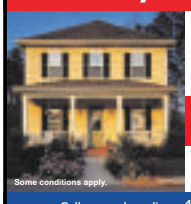

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Skier Allison Forsyth, left, who won five World Cup giant slalom medals and a bronze at the 2003 world championships, announced her retirement from the Canadian Alpine ski team yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tiger caged till 2009

Golf star to have season-ending knee surgery

Tiger Woods walked tenderly out of Torrey Pines with a U.S. Open trophy he was destined to win on a left leg worse than anyone imagined. A group of children called out to him and Woods looked over and waved.

It turned out to be a most symbolic gesture.

So long, Tiger.

See you next year.

Woods revealed yesterday he has been playing for at least 10 months with a torn ligament in his left knee, and that he suffered a double stress fracture in his left leg two weeks before the U.S. Open. He said he will have season-ending surgery, knocking him out of the final two majors and the Ryder Cup.

"Now, it is clear that the right thing to do is to listen to my doctors, follow through with this surgery and focus my attention on rehabilitating my knee," Woods said on his website.

He sure wasn't listening to doctors by playing the U.S. Open, a victory that now looks even more impressive.

Out of competition for two months because of April 15 surgery to clean out cartilage in his left knee, he suffered a double stress fracture in his left tibia two weeks before the U.S. Open.

Hank Haney, his swing coach, was with him in Florida when doctors told Woods the preferred treatment was three weeks on crutches, followed by three weeks of rest.

According to Haney, Woods looked at the doctor and said: "I'm playing the U.S. Open, and I'm going to win."

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Tiger Woods, who showed the pain in his left knee during the recent U.S. Open championship at Torrey Pines in San Diego, will miss the rest of the season after undergoing surgery.

Garbo, Raps part ways

Spanish forward takes buyout deal

Jorge Garbajosa and the Raptors have officially parted company.

The Raptors reached an agreement to buy out the contract of Garbajosa, the Spanish forward whose career in Toronto was cut short by a serious leg injury.

"After a long, difficult and sometimes emotional process stemming from a traumatic injury to a key player, it was concluded that parting ways was the best thing for both Jorge and the Raptors organization," Raptors president and GM Bryan Colangelo said in a statement yesterday. "We wish Jorge nothing but the best with his basketball future."

Garbajosa

The move ends the lengthy and sometimes contentious negotiations between Colangelo, Garbajosa, the Spanish Basketball Federation and its insurance company. The Raptors announced they had reached a settlement with the federation regarding the claim filed by the team in connection with the non-payment of insurance proceeds related to Garbajosa's injury.

"We are pleased that an acceptable resolution was reached and we can finally put this behind us," said Colangelo. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

22 arrested after Celtics' title win

LAW 10 people have been arraigned on charges stemming from criminal acts during the Boston Celtics' championship celebrations.

Police arrested 22 people before and after the Celtics won their 17th NBA title Tuesday night. Ten suspects were arraigned in Boston Municipal Court yesterday, the vast majority for disorderly conduct.

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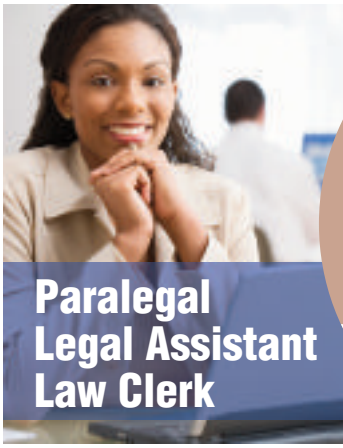

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Turkey goalkeeper Volkan Demirel, right, was banned for two matches yesterday after being sent off against the Czech Republic last week at the European Championship. Demirel will miss tomorrow's quarter-final game against Croatia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A not-so-Swede ending

Russia grabs last quarter-final spot

EURO2008

Russia claimed the final quarter-final spot at the European Championship yesterday, beating Sweden 2-0 in Group D to set up coach Guus Hiddink with a match against the Netherlands, his home country and former team.

Roman Pavlyuchenko and Andrei Arshavin scored a goal each in Innsbruck to put the Russians through to the knockout round. Hiddink, a Dutchman who took over Russia after leading Australia to the second round of the World Cup two years ago, maintained his perfect record of advancing through the group stage at major tournaments.

"This is a tremendous victory," Hiddink said.

Greece avoided becoming the first defending champion to fail to score a goal at the European tournament, but still lost to already-qualified Spain 2-1. Dani Guiza and Ruben de la Red scored a goal each in Salzburg after Angelos Charisteas had given the 2004 champions the lead.

The quarter-finals start today with Portugal facing Germany in Basel, Switzerland. Croatia and Turkey then face each other in Vienna tomorrow, and the Netherlands plays Russia on Saturday in Basel. Spain faces Italy in the final quarter-final match on Sunday in Vienna.

The Euro 2008 final is set for June 29 in Vienna.

Hiddink led the Netherlands to the semifinals at the 1998 World Cup in France. The Dutchman then guided co-host South Korea to the same stage at the 2002 World Cup, and followed that up by taking Australia to the knockout round in Germany.

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Sweden's Marcus Allback reacts at the end of his team's Group D loss to Russia at Euro 2008 yesterday in Innsbruck, Austria.

»sports In Brief

» **SOCCER** Germany coach Joachim Loew was banned from the sideline for today's European Championship quarter-final match against Portugal after UEFA punished him over his spat with a fourth official. Loew and Austria coach Josef Hickersberger were both given one-game suspensions, UEFA said yesterday, two days after they were banished to the stands by the referee for appearing to bicker with the fourth official during Germany's 1-0 group win. Loew's assistant, Hansi Flick, will likely take charge of the team from the bench, as he did for the remainder of Monday's match.

» **SOCCER** The Netherlands, which swept through Group C and outscored the opposition nine goals to one, was made a 7-2 favourite yesterday to win the European Championship. Spain has the second-favourite role by bookmakers William Hill at 4-1, followed by Portugal (9-2), Germany (11-2), Croatia (7-1), Russia (14-1) and Turkey (25-1).

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Leaf scouts have shot to shine

Team has 10 picks to play with at NHL draft

Dave Morrison may be the ultimate team guy.

The Maple Leafs' director of amateur scouting had the rug pulled out from under him last year when former GM John Ferguson traded 2007's top two picks in a package for goalie Vesa Toskala and forward Mark Bell.

It was Morrison's first year running the team's amateur scouting program. His staff had weathered snowstorms, survived arena coffee, analyzed their data and argued this guy over that guy for 363 days. Then when their time in the spotlight came, their top two picks were gone. Morrison expresses no bitterness, stating it was simply for the betterment of the team.

Toskala

"There's an initial kind of, 'Oh.' But then I think everybody understands it," said Morrison. "We needed a goalie. Vesa was fantastic for us. You move on as an organization. You realize there's a greater good here, and that's the way the team has to operate."

This year, with the first round of the draft set for tomorrow at the Scotiabank Place in Ottawa, the situation promises to be a different one for Morrison and the rest of his Leafs scouts. With 10 picks over seven rounds, they'll be able to leave an imprint on the future of this franchise, one that has a history of trading its future for a futile present.

"I would say we're excited," Morrison said. "With 10 picks for our staff, it's great that we're going to have that may opportunities to pick potential NHL players. It's a great time of the year.

"We work the whole year for these two days. So it's a really exciting time."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NHL

Prospal's rights dealt to Lightning

MOVES The Philadelphia Flyers traded the rights to winger Vaclav Prospal to Tampa Bay yesterday for a seventh-round pick and a conditional pick in 2009.

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» **SOCCER** Canada is returning to the Peace Queen Cup final. The women's national team beat New Zealand 2-0 yesterday in the Korea Republic to finish first with a perfect 3-0-0 record in Group A. The win guarantees the team a spot in Saturday's final.

Ponson

» **MLB** Adding depth to their injury-riddled pitching staff, the New York Yankees re-signed troubled right-hander Sidney Ponson to a minor league contract yesterday. With a history of off-the-field problems, Ponson was released Monday by the pitching-starved Texas Rangers for being a disruption to the team. He performed well on the mound, however, going 4-1 with a 3.88 ERA.

» **NFL** The Oakland Raiders expect receiver Javon Walker to be ready for training camp when he recovers from injuries incurred during a robbery in Las Vegas last weekend. "The info that I have is he's going to be fine," Raiders coach Lane Kiffin said. "Training camp won't be an issue."

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	46	29	.613	—
Tampa Bay	42	29	.592	2
N.Y. Yankees	38	33	.535	6
Baltimore	35	34	.507	8
TORONTO	35	37	.486	9½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	39	31	.557	—
Minnesota	35	36	.493	4½
Detroit	34	38	.472	6
Cleveland	33	38	.465	6½
Kansas City	29	42	.408	10½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	43	29	.597	—
Oakland	39	31	.557	3
Texas	36	36	.500	7
Seattle	25	46	.352	17½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	42	32	.568	—
Florida	38	33	.535	2½
Atlanta	35	37	.486	6
N.Y. Mets	34	36	.486	6
Washington	29	43	.403	12

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	45	27	.625	—
St. Louis	42	30	.583	3
Milwaukee	37	33	.529	7
Pittsburgh	34	37	.479	10½
Houston	33	38	.465	11½
Cincinnati	33	40	.452	12½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	37	34	.521	—
L.A. Dodgers	33	38	.465	4
San Diego	31	41	.431	6½
San Francisco	31	42	.425	7
Colorado	29	42	.408	8

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

INTERLEAGUE

TORONTO at Milwaukee
Boston 7 Philadelphia 4
Detroit 7 San Francisco 2
Tampa Bay 5 Chicago Cubs 4
San Diego at N.Y. Yankees
Houston at Baltimore
Atlanta at Texas
Washington at Minnesota
Pittsburgh at Chicago W. Sox
Kansas City at St. Louis
Cleveland at Colorado
Oakland at Arizona
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Angels
Florida at Seattle

NATIONAL LEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers 6 Cincinnati 1

TODAY'S GAMES

INTERLEAGUE

San Diego at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05
Washington at Minnesota, 1:10
Toronto at Milwaukee, 2:05
Atlanta at Texas, 2:05
Pittsburgh at Chicago W. Sox, 2:05
Kansas City at St. Louis, 2:15
Oakland at Arizona, 3:40
Houston at Baltimore, 7:05
Chicago Cubs at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Cleveland at Colorado, 9:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers at Cincinnati, 12:35

AL BATTING LEADERS

Name, team	AB	R	H	AVG
Bradley Tex	218	47	72	.330
Mauer Min	228	42	75	.329
Damon NYY	263	44	86	.327
HMatsui NYY	240	36	77	.321
Hamilton Tex	289	49	91	.315
JDrew Bos	203	51	64	.315
Dejesus KC	218	28	67	.307
Pierzynski ChiW	235	30	72	.306
Kinsler Tex	295	60	90	.305
Morneau Min	275	38	84	.305
Youkilis Bos	249	44	76	.305
Polanco Det	249	33	76	.305

NL BATTING LEADERS

Name, team	AB	R	H	AVG
Clones Atl	240	46	96	.400
Berkman Hou	254	63	91	.358
Pujols StL	222	41	77	.347
Holliday Col	219	36	71	.324
BMolina SF	232	24	73	.315
Nady Pit	245	36	77	.314
Martin LAD	238	34	74	.311
Theriot ChiC	258	42	80	.310
McCann Atl	239	33	74	.310
Ludwick StL	216	45	67	.310
Rowand SF	245	33	76	.310

CFL

PRE-SEASON

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Hamilton at TORONTO, 7
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8
Saskatchewan at Edmonton, 9
Calgary at B.C., 10
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GROUP A

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
X-Portugal	2	1	0	5	3	6
X-Turkey	2	1	0	5	5	6
Switzerland	1	2	0	3	3	3
Czech Rep.	1	2	0	4	6	3

GROUP B

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
X-Croatia	3	0	0	4	1	9
X-Germany	2	1	0	4	2	6
Austria	0	2	1	1	3	1
Poland	0	2	1	1	4	1

GROUP C

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
X-Netherlands	3	0	0	9	1	9
X-Italy	1	1	1	3	4	4
Romania	0	1	2	1	3	2
France	0	2	1	1	6	1

GROUP D

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PT
X-Spain	3	0	0	9	3	9
X-Russia	2	1	0	4	4	6
Sweden	1	2	0	3	4	3
Greece	0	3	0	1	5	0

(X - clinched quarter-final spot)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Spain 2 Greece 1
Russia 2 Sweden 0

QUARTER-FINALS

TODAY'S GAME

Portugal vs. Germany, 2:45

TOMORROW'S GAME

Croatia vs. Turkey, 2:45

SATURDAY'S GAME

Netherlands vs. Russia, 2:45

SUNDAY'S GAME

Spain vs. Italy, 2:45

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Canadian Gardening

The creatively carefree garden

An interior designer lets loose with plants and unique accents

by **SANDRA MacGREGOR**
associate editor

DONNA GRIFFITH

Barbara Grace has a secret. As an interior decorator, she is often required to follow strict design formulas and create muted, pristine indoor schemes for many of her clients. But while this formal, subdued style may be her calling card in business, it's a wild card that rules Barbara's personal design style, which she shows off to full effect in her Sudbury, Ont., garden. The property was nothing more than a large, barren lot when Barbara and her husband, Bryan, purchased the land in 1979 and went about building a home and creating a modest garden. However, in 1993, unhappy with her patch, Barbara decided to start over: "I wanted an English-countrystyle garden, yet something free-flowing, not formal," she says.

She realized her dream. For the past 15 years, Barbara has enjoyed a landscape rich with informal, lush beds in a kaleidoscope of colours, punctuated by playful touches and whimsical vignettes.

"I want my garden to look like things happened naturally; like birds flew over and dropped seeds into the yard," explains Barbara.

But she's adamant her easygoing approach doesn't mean her yard is unkempt: "It's not manicured, but it's well groomed, never shabby," she insists.

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- Least stonecrop (Sedum lydium) 4 cm tall; full sun; Zone 2.
- Thyme (Thymus praecox) 5 cm tall; full sun; Zone 4.

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FOUND OBJECTS Keeping an eye out for whimsical accents

DONNA GRIFFITH

Barbara Grace, whose garden is described above, prefers decorative objects that don't look as if they came directly from a store — she acquires most of her pieces from garage sales, flea markets and even roadsides. From left, cheery birdhouses perched along a fence; a chandelier draped with creeping Jenny (Lysimachia nummularia); a stencilled chair; a colourful potting-glove display; and a twig bookshelf.

A touch of class Elegant topiaries are right at home in containers

ROGER YIP

A bit of formality is not out of place in any garden, and precisely pruned cones and spheres of foliage — a classic form of topiary — are especially suited to containers.

All that's required is a beautiful pot, a plant amenable to frequent pruning, and patience. There are myriad ways to incorporate topiary into your landscape. Try a container with a herb topiary as a focal point in a collection of potted herbs near a back door.

A large urn with a dramatic topiary of coleus flanking a front door offers an elegant welcome; two identical specimens on either side suit a formal, symmetrical facade. A topiary can also add a contemporary look, especially when housed in a sleek metal planter or minimalistic concrete pot.

Generally, the container should be similar in size to the mature head of the topiary's foliage. The container must have a drainage hole.

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Incorporate colour and texture into vegetable gardens

Ellen Ogden says everything she knows about gardening, she learned at art school.

The co-founder of The Cook's Garden seed catalogue also designs ornamental kitchen gardens, where plants are chosen as much for their colours and textures as for their flavours.

"I've always been interested in using my eyes as well as my mind while I garden," Ogden said. "I usually border my (vegetable) beds with lively things like decorative parsley, fennel or kale."

Today's ornamental kitchen garden generally is smaller and less formal than the traditional potager that originated in 16th-century Europe. With the typical French chateau potager, a tasty tapestry of herbs, fruits, flowers and vegetables was planted near the kitchen door and delivered dew-fresh to the table.

Ogen carries that tradition literally from the garden to the dining room at her Manchester Village, Vt., home. She garnishes with chives and flowers, and grows pansies around her vegetables so she can gather them as she walks by.

"One of the things we know but don't think much about is that a splash of colour enhances the appetite," she said.

Record high food costs have made vegetable growing more popular, but that doesn't mean gardeners must work from miniature farm production plots — rectangular in shape with plants aligned in parallel rows. That's a proven arrangement, to be sure, but it's also uninteresting.

The humble vegetable, if chosen well and given some landscaping help, can elevate the kitchen garden into a living, vibrant work of art.

The medieval potager garden was distinguished by a combination of walls, gates, walkways and growing beds.

They provided a sense of privacy, a degree of shelter, enough space for crop rotation, seasonal beauty, usefulness and order.

Many of those plants, including fruit trees and shrubs, were trained to grow upward or espaliered into two-dimensional decorations on walls or fences. Herbal knot gardens also were customary.

Contemporary kitchen garden design is more casual and more personal. It borrows features common to healing gardens (raised beds, walkways), meditation gardens (twisting and turning trails, statuary or fountains) and outdoor rooms (trees, benches and hedged borders).

"I like to incorporate some history into the kitchen gardens I design for my clients — history involving family and memories," said Jennifer Bartley, a landscape architect from Granville, Ohio, and author of Designing The New Kitchen Garden: An American Potager Handbook.

Bartley uses the formal potager outside her window as a "tasting garden a little of everything to snack on through the season.

"I use it to eat from daily," she said. "I also use it to entertain. After guests arrive, I'll send them out into the garden to make some impromptu salads before they get comfortable around the table."

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This photo shows Ellen Ecker Ogden's kitchen garden, featuring lettuce and salad greens. The co-founder of The Cook's Garden seed catalogue designs ornamental kitchen gardens, in which plants are chosen as much for their colours and textures as for their flavours.

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Easy, colourful flowers that will punch up the vegetable garden include, from left, nasturtiums, sweet peas and morning glories. For more suggestions, click on the Flowers tab at *www.cooksgarden.com*.

design tips

Ornamental kitchen garden design has more than 450 years of tradition from which to draw, but virtually anything goes. Just be sure some colour accompanies that culinary crunch. Here are some tips for making your vegetable garden beautiful and practical:

» **FOLLOW THE SUN:** Vegetables need their day in the sun, or at least six to eight hours worth, if they're to produce the best yields. But showier varieties deserve visibility, too. Place them near the kitchen door for convenience; yet also position them where they can be enjoyed from the windows.

» **PLAN SMALL, PLANT SMALLER:** We're talking about using a heavy mix of perennials here, things like asparagus, rhubarb, horseradish, chives, strawberries, fruiting shrubs and trees. Find varieties that are at the same time attractive and flavourful.

Skip the bigger plants, like sweet corn. They not only take up a lot of room but they also rob the soil of nutrients. Salad greens or tomatoes provide more nutritional value for the space.

» **GROW UP:** If you're starved for room, then plant deep and grow things up as well as out. Use vining plants like grapes, beans and squashes.

» **SUCCESSION PLANTING:** Get a second crop into the ground immediately after harvesting the first. Depending upon the climate and maturity dates of your plants, a compact ornamental kitchen garden can be good for as many as three crops per growing season.

» **BORDER PLANTS:** If you prefer a living barrier to stone walls, then choose a hardy ornamental shrub that will flower, fruit and produce a colourful background when viewed from within or without.

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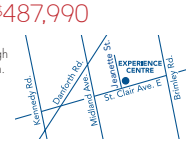

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Act smart, but act fast

Don't wait for a desperation or "stress" sale

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No matter what time of year it is or what price range or area a buyer is considering, you can bet there is one question that each has in common — how do I get the best deal when I buy?

Here's an insight.

The first and most important thing to recognize when it comes to "getting a deal" in today's GTA real estate market is understanding the market itself.

The most common thing I hear from buyers looking for a deal is that they will hold out until a desperation sale emerges.

The thinking being that someone who can no longer afford their home, or someone who has had a sudden relocation in job, or any number of other reasons that's forcing them to sell with urgency, will sell well below market value. The thing these buyers often fail to realize is that, setting aside the fact that urgent sales are not nearly as common as they may believe, in today's market simply pricing your home $5,000 below market value will have it sold within a week.

In other words, there often is no upside to hoping or waiting for a "stress sale."

The other important thing to understand is that if, as a buyer, your tastes are on the picky side, holding out for a stress sale is not a realistic option because, not only are the chances of a gem being marketed under urgency exceedingly slim, but the chances of such a home selling below market are almost non-existent.

The second most common deal-seeking buyer inclination is to want to concentrate only on power of sale properties.

In a nutshell, a power of sale home is one where the owner has been unable to make mortgage payments, so the bank has taken legal rights over the home.

While power of sale can still present unique opportunities, the deals to be had are not what they once were.

Think about it this way — if people don't need to sell their homes for less than market value these days, then why on earth would the banks choose to do so?

There are a number of other factors to consider when it comes to power of sale, too much to discuss within the confines of this space, but suffice it to say that power of sale is not as routine a decision for the deal-seeking buyer as many believe it to be.

So the question remains — what's the best way to get the best deal when buying? The answer lies in understating the process and being comfortable with it. Today, in most areas of the GTA, getting a deal, which once meant securing a home for tens of thousands below market value, more accurately means securing the home that's very suitable for not a dollar more than market value.

That means being ready, willing and able. Of course, all this preparedness is the responsibility of your realtor, whose job it is, ultimately, to ensure that you do indeed get the best deal possible.

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Simple ways to make a difference

Scientists generally agree that lifestyles in the developed world will have to change if residents want to enjoy a clean, healthy and sustainable future. Each one of us, therefore, has a role and responsibility to reassess the way we live — even if it's just one step at a time.

Purchasing habits are a good place to start. A recent Angus Reid poll reports that while most Canadians know they should be doing something about the environment, still 60 per cent admit that when it comes to making decisions in the store, they "seem to stick to the regular brands, not the natural ones."

As well, 92 per cent of Canadians agree that: "People talk a lot about doing something for the environment, but not many seem to actually be doing something about it."

Take a look at your laundry room for three easy ways to make a big difference. Here are just a few responsible purchases one can make:

Purchase a front-load washing machine. This efficient system cleans your clothes by lifting them to the top of the tub and then dropping them into the water below. Front-loading machines can handle 5 to 9 kilos of clothes at a time and yet they fill only partly with water and wash best with low-suds detergent.

Switch to a biodegradable laundry detergent: Angus Reid reports 75 per cent of Canadians are concerned about the effects that soaps and laundry detergents have on the environment.

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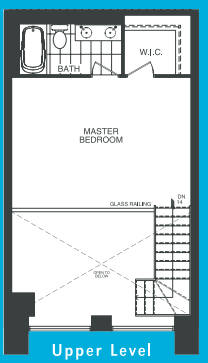

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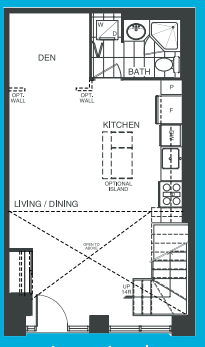

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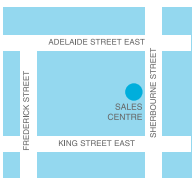

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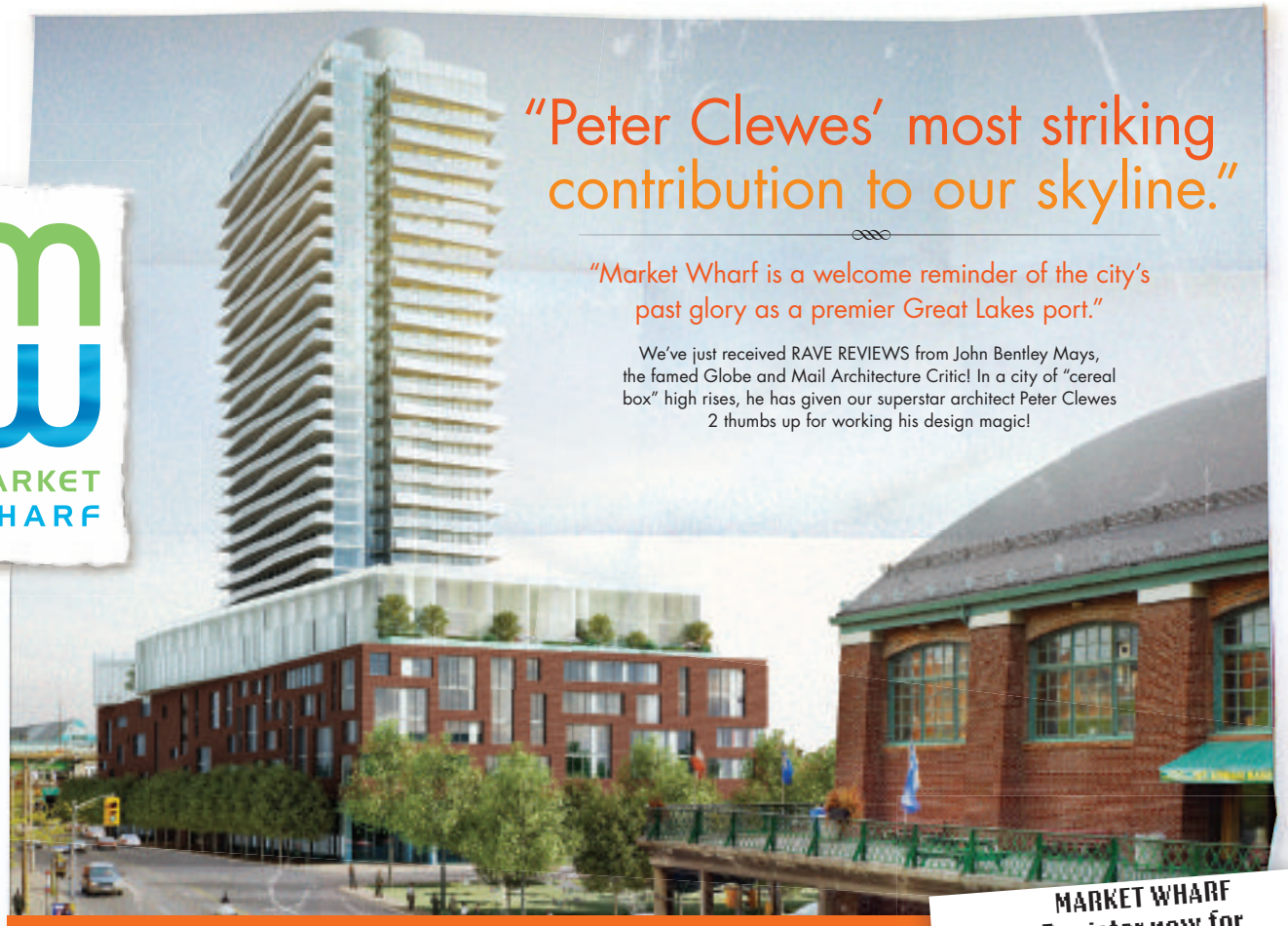

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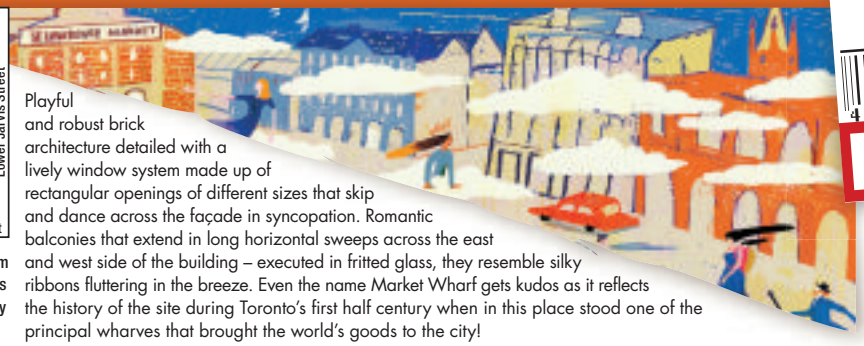

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Grass still perennial favourite

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Grass is not the only choice for your lawn these days, but the design team still believes nothing beats the sensuous experience of thick, healthy lawn against bare feet. Ahhhh!

Grass remains a perennial favourite with many folks, and why not? When it's well maintained, it looks green and lush, it filters pollution, it buffers hot temperatures, it absorbs water and it prevents soil erosion.

But poorly maintained grass can be an eyesore, looking patchy, worn, or dried out to a crisp. It certainly does not have a thick, healthy look. In fact, poorly maintained grass adds an air of neglect, which is a design crime.

Luckily, you can have a healthy lawn without using pesticides. As is often the case, preparation is paramount. First of all, make sure you have a good spot for a lawn — it should be even ground with a gentle slope for drainage. There should be no low spots since these will become waterlogged puddles after it rains.

Ideally, the soil should be deep (4 to 8 inches of topsoil), fertile, and loamy, meaning it is a well-aerated mixture of sandy soil and organic matter. Soil with a lot of clay in it is a difficult medium for grass or any other plant (with the exception of weeds). It must be mixed with organic matter to loosen it up so air and water can get through.

A lawn should enjoy a minimum of six hours of sunshine per day.

Most grass will tolerate only moderate foot traffic — look to your local schoolyard to see the effect on grass of too many little feet.

Check for pre-existing pests — insects, diseases and weeds. If you are sowing new grass, these must be removed or they will return to haunt you. In an existing lawn, periodically pulling weeds seems to be a necessary evil. And remember that a couple dandelions are not a huge problem — you just want to keep them from proliferating all over your lawn.

If the conditions are not ideal, you can try changing your seeds. For example, Kentucky bluegrass likes lots of sunlight, especially morning sun. Fine fescues are shade tolerant and ryegrass has a good tolerance to wear. But if you have a serious problem area — too much shade, for example — you may have to plant other species, such as a bed of hostas, which do well in the shade.

A well-maintained lawn not only looks great, but serves as a buffer for hot temperatures and prevents soil erosion.

When it's dry, mow high — 2.5 to 3 inches — and make sure your mower blades are sharp to avoid damaging grass. (If you've got a small lawn, consider a push mower.) In summer, when growth is not so fast, you can leave clippings on the grass after mowing. Clippings over 0.5 cm will smother your lawn, so you should rake it.

Watering should be done deeply and infrequently. Use a container on your lawn to measure how much water you've used— water at least 1 inch of water, and do it only when conditions are dry, not on a scheduled basis. Too much water can lead to poor growing conditions and disease. The best watering time is morning.

Any existing lawn will benefit from a thin layer of compost mixed with soil raked over it. In late summer, spreading grass seed (overseeding) with a top-dressing of compost will work wonders. Aerating soil, or poking holes in the lawn to increase space for water and air, is beneficial.

Finally, if your lawn is older and has a layer of thatch (dead grass and roots at the base) that is more than a half-inch thick, you must "dethatch" it. Do this by using a heavy rake to clean out the thatch layer — it can prevent water, air and nutrients from getting to the roots, and it can also provide cover for insects and diseases.

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The slender 44-storey tower created by Graziani & Corazza Architects Inc. will offer panoramic views of the city and beyond, and will cater to the vibe of the in-crowd.

Who better to envision a model suite and interior spaces that complement this sophisticated look than Mike Niven of Mike Niven Interior Design Inc.

Niven appointed the two-bedroom + den model suite (pictured above) with a décor he calls "glamour without glitz." Smart modern furnishings, hardwood flooring, and an innovative floating kitchen island are among the focal points in this stunning space.

"The entire suite is done in greys to suggest photography," Niven says.

"It's a very modern sensibility, with grey washes over woods, and a lot of custom furnishings in shades of grey. Even though the look is contemporary, it also communicates a touch of glamour."

High fashion rules in this model that is as comfortable as it is contemporary. "The ambience is moody but not stark," Niven explains, "with dark laminated floors complemented by custom millwork with a zebrawood wash.

"The living/dining room is spacious enough for two sofas and a chair, plus a dining table that is framed in zebrawood washed in grey and can seat six. We added unique pieces such as the chandelier that has upside-down champagne glasses on it, and interesting artwork on the walls."

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The master bedroom showcases the Hollywood glamour of the model, with a grey on grey etching of Audrey Hepburn highlighting the bed's glass mirror headboard.

"Beautiful billiard cloth and silks and a fur throw add textures to make this room luxurious but modern. It's glamorous without being glitzy," Niven says. "Purchasers here will expect sophistication and panache — and they'll get both."

Couture's amenities include a Niven-designed lobby, and the Couture Club with its party room and caterer's kitchen, bar and billiards table; fitness room with cardio, yoga and aerobics area, and commercial-grade workout equipment; his and hers saunas; and a shared indoor pool with a Bloor Walk.

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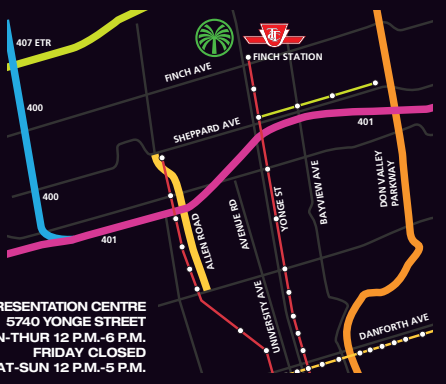

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Designers challenge bookcases with more decorative storage

Reading books can be an unrivalled pleasure. Staring at them in piles around your home, not so much. Instead of storing those books spine-out, in a typical rectangular bookshelf, experts and designers recommend creative arrangements, re-imagined shelves and unconventional uses for bound volumes.

To start, try organizing books by size and colour instead of author, title or subject, says Marie Proeller Hueston, author of Decorating With Books.

That might sound like judging a book by its cover; how to find that favourite book, now hidden in the "tall, green" section? But a new arrangement needn't be the antithesis of literary organization.

The Piola bookcase by Nobody & Co. uses a series of wooden prongs to hold and display books.

"People who have a lot of books that want to find them and read them know where they are," said Henry Petroski, author of The Book On The Bookshelf.

"It seems to be part of the nature of readers that if you care enough about the books you imprint their location in your brain."

The standard spine-out organization of books is a relatively recent innovation, as is the idea of a rectangular bookshelf. In the Middle Ages, books were rare and displayed cover out, Petroski said. As books became more available, the storage system changed.

> *« Sitting and living in the middle of your favourite books is a very strong feeling, it's like sitting in the middle of yourself, of your mind ... every book you read becomes part of you and who you are. »* Alisee Matta

"It was the pressures of space that led to books being placed vertically," Petroski said.

Now, some designers are challenging the tradition of an upright bookcase with surprising innovations, even building book shelving into a bathtub.

"There seems to be a sudden spurt of creativity," Alex Johnson, an English author who compiles a blog on bookshelves (theblogonthebookshelf.blogspot.com), wrote in an e-mail.

"Some of the designs featured on the blog are as much modern art and feats of engineering as they are shelving."

The Italian company Nobody&co designed a Bibliochaise chair that can also hold about 16 feet of books.

The idea came from a designer living in a small apartment filled with books and nowhere to sit, says Alisee Matta, copywriter for Nobody&co.

"Sitting and living in the middle of your favourite books is a very strong feeling, it's like sitting in the middle of yourself, of your mind.

"Every book you read becomes part of you and of who you are," Matta wrote in an e-mail.

Nobody&co also created the Piola bookcase, which uses a series of wooden prongs to hold and display books.

Leni Leth, owner of Book Decor, a California company that specializes in refurbishing and selling leather-bound books, suggests forgetting the shelves, instead using books as risers for candles and lamps, on coffee tables and even in bathrooms.

"Books can be like flower arrangements, but can last longer," Leth says. Books can even create the furniture. A stack of large art books topped with a piece of glass becomes a coffee table.

Hueston said she has seen others use books to make end tables.

"It's about changing your view of a book, to see it in this new way," Hueston said.

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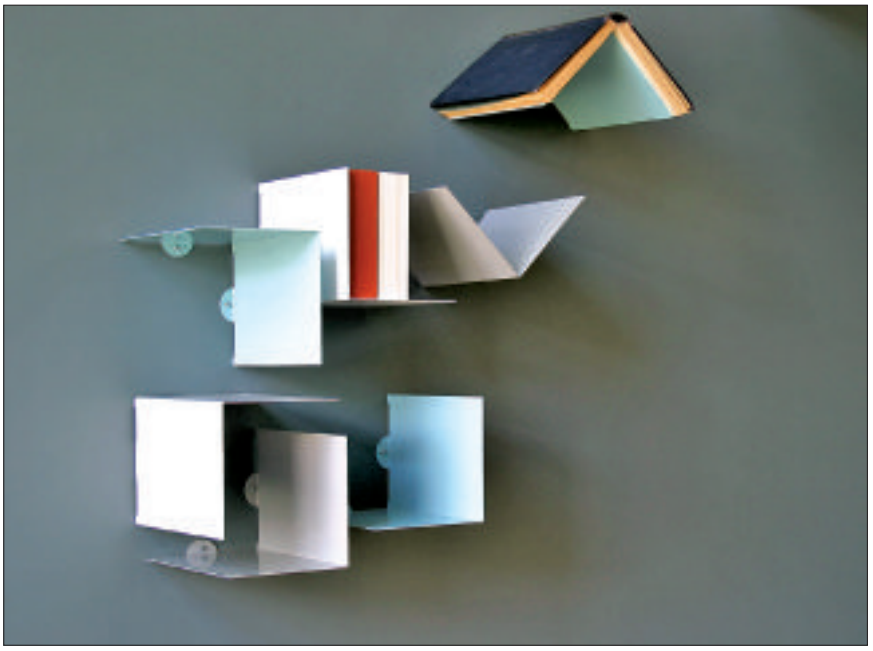

Above: The Flybrary Bookshelf retails for $31.95 at www.umbra.com; below, the Flying Vee. Top right: The Bibliochaise is a chair that can hold about 16 feet of books. Right: Wall mounted metal strips create the surface of the shelf.

book overcrowding?

Here are six new ways to display and decorate with books:

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» Books as wallpaper: Invest in leather-bound books in the same shade to create a wall of colour.

» A spot of colour: Have a monotone room? Pick out a few books in a striking colour to add dimension.

» Books as furniture: Use a book or a stack of books to create end tables, coffee tables and pedestals.

» Augment with books: Try hanging books over the rungs of a ladder, or lining the edges of a room with books.

» Books as art: When books were more rare, they were displayed face out. Take some favourite books and display them with bookstands.

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The fresh face of spring

Recognized by its large, green elephant ear-like leaves and long stalks, rhubarb is often called the harbinger of spring, as it is the earliest vegetable — along with asparagus — to push its way out of the ground. Depending on region and climate, stalks of fresh, field-grown rhubarb can be found from May through to July.

à la carte

BARB HOLLAND

Rhubarb and Strawberry Bread Pudding

If your garden or local market has fresh rhubarb, here is a recipe to try. Bread cubes should be slightly dried out. Lay out in single layer on baking sheet to dry slightly.

INGREDIENTS:

3 cups (750 mL) chopped rhubarb (1/2-inch/1 cm pieces)
1/2 cup (125 mL) strawberry or raspberry jam
3 eggs
2/3 cup (150 mL) sugar
2 cups (500 mL) milk
1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
5 cups (1.25 mL) cubed day-old French or Italian bread, in ¾-inch (2 cm) cubes
1/4 cup (50 mL) sliced almonds

METHOD: Combine rhubarb and jam (microwave jam a few seconds to liquefy it slightly); set aside.

In large bowl, whisk eggs with sugar; whisk in milk and vanilla. Stir in bread cubes. Stir in rhubarb mixture. Pour into lightly greased 9-inch (23 cm) square baking dish or pan. Sprinkle with almonds.

Place pan in slightly larger pan; pour boiling water into large pan to come two-thirds up side of smaller pan. Bake in preheated 350°F (180°C) oven for 45 to 50 minutes or until puffed and golden on top. Serve warm.

Rhubarb Tips:

• Selection: Choose firm stalks that are fresh and crisp. If plucking from your backyard, twist off stalks rather than cutting. Pick slender stalks, one stalk should yield about ½ cup (125 mL) chopped and avoid eating the leaves as they contain a potential toxin called oxalic acid.

• Storage: Wrap rhubarb in damp paper towels to keep the stalks moist, and place in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for a few days. For longer storage, rhubarb is a breeze to freeze; just chop it into pieces and place in airtight freezer bags.

• Preparation/cooking: Wash rhubarb, then slice or dice according to recipe. It tastes sweeter once cooked, so add a minimum of sugar before cooking, then add more to taste after it's fully cooked.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Field rhubarb is the most prevalent, but "forced" or greenhouse rhubarb, shown here, is available in February to early May. This rhubarb generally needs less sugar and cooks to a pretty pink colour.

just a bite

Top cereals with roasted rhubarb

BREAKFAST Aside from 'stewing rhubarb', by cooking rhubarb with sugar and a small amount of water in a saucepan or microwave until it becomes a sauce, an interesting way to cook rhubarb is to 'roast' it.

Toss 3 cups (1 L) chopped rhubarb with 1/3 cup (75 mL) brown sugar and place in a shallow parchment-paper lined baking pan. Roast at 350°F (180°C) for 10 minutes or until tender. This intensifies the flavour and preserves the colour — nice to add to your morning yogurt or cereal.

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Anita Stewart is an author, food columnist, magazine writer and culinary activist, but, most importantly, a tireless and passionate promoter of Canadian food. Anita Stewart's Canada is published by Harper Collins Canada, which has offered Metro a delicious, simple recipe from the book:

Wine-Braised Veal Shanks (Osso Buco)

Perfect in its simplicity, osso buco is true Italian country cooking. I love it with buttermilk-mashed potatoes. The essential flavouring is called gremolata, a mixture that always has lemon, garlic and parsley in it. Some cooks add anchovies, too. It's quickly minced with a mezzaluna, a two-handled rounded knife that's becoming more widely available in Canada.

INGREDIENTS:

6 veal shanks (about 3 lb/1.5 kg)
All-purpose flour, for dredging
2 tbsp (30 mL) canola oil
3 cups (750 mL) dry white wine
1½ tsp (7 mL) salt
1 tbsp (15 mL) tomato paste

GREMOLATA:

1 lemon
½ cup (125 mL) chopped fresh parsley
2 or 3 cloves garlic

METHOD: Dredge the veal shanks in flour, shaking off any excess. Heat the oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. In batches, brown the veal thoroughly on both sides. Add wine to almost cover the meat. Sprinkle with salt; cover and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat to low and simmer for 50 to 60 minutes or until the veal is tender. Stir in the tomato paste and add more wine if the mixture is too dry. Cover and cook gently for 30 to 45 minutes longer.

Gremolata: Remove the rind from the lemon with a vegetable peeler. Using a mezzaluna or sharp knife or in a food processor, mince the peel very finely with the parsley and garlic. About 15 minutes before serving, sprinkle the gremolata over the veal. Cover and heat thoroughly.

Anita Stewart's Canada is available at Amazon.ca. Currently, the online price for the hardcover volume is listed at $22.02.

Transfer the shanks and the sauce that has formed to a wide serving bowl. Serve with warm crusty bread onto which diners can spread the marrow.

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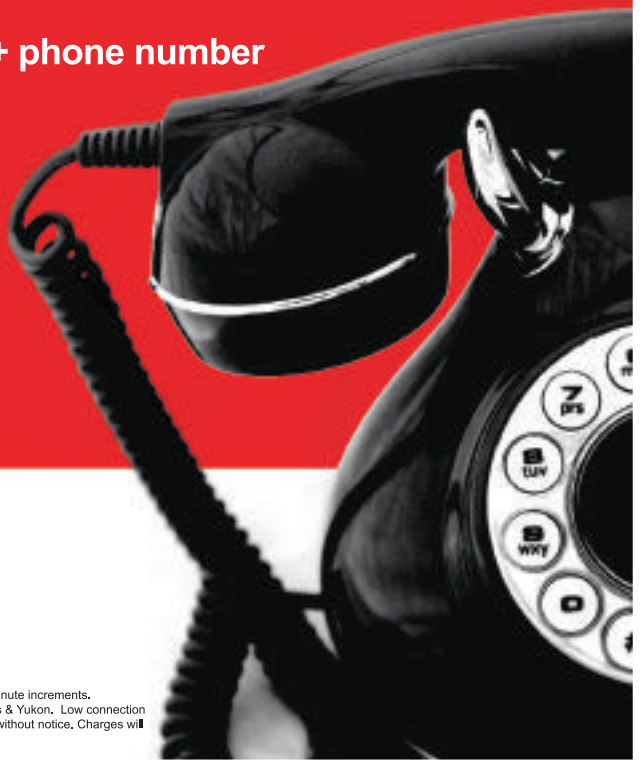

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Actress Sienna Miller, left, has confirmed she will play the role of Maid Marian in a film remake of Robin Hood. BBC NEWS ONLINE

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MUSIC Kid Rock is refusing to put his albums on iTunes because he says artists do not get paid enough for downloads from the Apple store, BBC News Online reports.

Kid Rock is one of the last few acts not fully signed up to the service.

He said it was based on "an old system, where iTunes takes the money, the record company takes the money, and they don't give it to the artists."

summer show

Cyrus to host Teen Choice Awards

Cyrus

PEOPLE Actress Miley Cyrus will host this summer's Teen Choice awards in the U.S., BBC News Online reports.

The 15-year-old, who shot to fame as the star of Disney's Hannah Montana, has also been nominated for four awards, including best comedy actress.

TV series Gossip Girl leads the way with 14 nominations, whilst singer Chris Brown is up for nine awards.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Badu's sonic backdrop

Singer follows up spring hit with summer album

By **TINA CHADHA**
Metro World News

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Erykah Badu says her new album is "to the left."

"I guess you call it to the left," Erykah Badu says of her music, specifically New Amerykah: Pt. 1 (4th World War), her latest album.

It ventures beyond the soul-blues-jazz for which she was initially known into psycho-hip-hop-blaxploitation-dub. Call it a sonic backdrop that matches her lyrics that have always been challenging — think obscure references to the Five Percent Nation or Kemetic Orthodoxy, a traditional Egyptian religion.

Ever since 1997, when she leapt into the public eye with her Grammy-winning blues-soul debut Baduizm, Badu has been considered slightly kooky. There were the towering head wraps, oversized Ankhs, burning incense and concerts turned tea parties. Years later, when a journalist outed her for wearing artificial dreadlocks, she took to wearing enormous Afro and pageboy boy wigs, which she is now known to fling off mid-concert and arrange backwards on her head.

Yes, Badu, whose current stage show involves play with stability balls, tapping out eerie sounds on a Mac and stage diving, has always been, at least publicly, strange. But in an R&B landscape full of copycat sex vixens, her trippy persona and evolution from neo-soul hippie to funk priestess has made her a beloved icon.

Though her fans have followed her through her shift away from neo-soul into cosmic crooning, people who fell in love with her more frankincense-and-myrrh leanings will be pleased to know that her next album, tentatively called New Amerykah Pt. 2: Return of the Ankh promises old-school Badu.

"This is a very mental record," she says of Pt. 1, which sounds like what might happen if Bjork went hip hop and R&B. "The second one is very emotional. During 1997 through 1999, there was a certain feeling I had; I was studying Kemetics. That's the feeling I have when I listen to the second part. It's a return of that feeling and time, and it reminds me of Baduizm."

A taste of the new album, due later this summer, is out now. Honey, a gooey love song, is called the current album's hidden track, which is only half-true considering it's the only song from Pt. 1 to get released as a single and earn a video.

"That's the sound," she says of Pt. 2 before explaining that the progression between the songs was organic. "When we made it, we hadn't split the songs up. But that's the kind of stuff Erykah does."

Vertigo, Oz among AFI top genre films

Institute picks top 10 films in 10 different genres

Snow White, Dorothy Gale, the HAL 9000 computer, Charles Chaplin's Little Tramp and Marlon Brando's Godfather share top billing among the American Film Institute's best genre movies.

Films featuring those characters were among the No. 1 picks this week on the AFI's top-10 lists of the finest flicks in 10 genres, including mystery, Westerns, sports tales and courtroom dramas.

The winners included Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs for animation; The Wizard Of Oz, featuring Dorothy and her little dog, for fantasy; 2001: A Space Odyssey, with HAL the demented computer, for science fiction; Chaplin's City Lights for romantic comedy; and Brando's The Godfather for gangster flicks. The other No. 1 films: Westerns, The Searchers; sports, Raging Bull; courtroom drama, To Kill A Mockingbird; epics, Lawrence Of Arabia; and mysteries, Vertigo.

Actor Marlon Brando in a scene from The Godfather.

Not surprisingly, Alfred Hitchcock dominated the mystery category. Besides Vertigo, he landed three others on that top-10 list: Rear Window at No. 3, North By Northwest at No. 7 and Dial M for Murder at No. 9.

Chaplin's City Lights from 1931, one of only two silent films to make the genre lists, was a surprise, beating such popular modern romances as Annie Hall (No. 2), When Harry Met Sally ... (No. 6) and Sleepless In Seattle (No. 10).

"This is why these shows are so important. They keep these films in the cultural conversation," said Bob Gazzale, AFI president. "When City Lights is honoured as the No. 1 romantic comedy, millions of people will go back and watch it again."

Past AFI lists have included rankings of the top-100 American films, comedies, love stories, screen stars and quotes.

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No Time to waste

Randy Bachman, Burton Cummings consider jazz disc

By **IAN NATHANSON**
for Metro Toronto

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Former Guess Who members Randy Bachman, left, and Burton Cummings are mulling a jazz album.

Imagine one day hearing classic rockers Randy Bachman and Burton Cummings churning out a set filled with jazzier material.

It's an idea under consideration to follow up last year's Jukebox, Bachman Cummings' 17-song set of mostly '60s rock covers.

"We're compiling and sending each other 20 favourite bluesy jazz songs, so we can do, say, a Jazzbox in January or February, maybe," Bachman, 64, says.

Adds Cummings, 60, "Randy and I both like a lot of the same stuff: Georgie Fame, Mose Allison … artists like those who have influenced us."

Bachman recently tested the jazz waters with 2004's Jazz Thing and last year's Jazz Thing II.

But for both men, their love of jazz can be traced back to their previous bands. Wednesday In Your Garden, We're Coming To Dinner and Undun came from the same Guess Who that produced These Eyes, No Time and American Woman. Meanwhile Blue Collar and Lookin' Out For No. 1 complemented BTO's best rockers Takin' Care Of Business, Let It Ride and You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet.

"We always liked stuff that swings," Cummings says. "Back in the '60s, Randy and I were always filling each other's heads to new stuff. He'd call me up and say, 'You gotta come over and hear such-and-such an album,' and vice versa."

With both Jukebox and the potential for a Jazzbox, Bachman and Cummings are enjoying a close friendship once more. They both have left the Guess Who and BTO and all the ensuing politics behind.

"The real problems between us from way back in 1970, that's just old baggage now," Cummings says. "You get older, you let all that baggage go. It's very powerful now, especially on stage."

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"If we're daring enough, we'd start to play a song and not tell the other what it is," Bachman adds. "Inevitably I join in or he joins in, because we both have the same bible of learning — Winnipeg radio.

"We could pull out any song and just do it because we know them — and each other — so well."

Separately, Bachman keeps busy with, among other things, his popular Saturday night Vinyl Tap show on CBC Radio One and co-writing for various projects. And by September, Cummings hopes to unveil Above The Ground, his first new solo studio album since 1990's Plus Signs.

"It's ended up being 19 songs and the first one in my career where I've written every song myself, produced the album, paid for it on my own, and so on," Cummings says. "It couldn't be any more of a solo project."

Lil Wayne album sells 1 million in first week

Lil Wayne now has official numbers to back up his bragging — the rapper's new CD has sold a spectacular one million copies its first week.

Tha Carter III is easily the best-selling first week of the year, according to Nielsen SoundScan figures. Even Kanye West's The Graduation didn't eclipse that mark in its first week last year.

A prolific rapper who's been ubiquitous on the mixtape scene and on other acts' records, Lil Wayne is generally regarded as one of rap's most gifted performers — but he's never had a multi-platinum album. His last two albums, Tha Carter and Tha Carter II, sold 1.1 million and 1.4 million copies, respectively. Tha Carter III was anticipated as the CD that would send the New Orleans rapper into superstardom.

"I've been saying a million all along, and I've been telling people, and they've been looking at me crazy," said Ron Williams, co-founder of Lil Wayne's record label, Cash Money Records. "He worked hard. He just came with something different … It just made people anticipate his record more than ever."

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Lil Wayne

Already, Lil Wayne's had a No. 1 smash for several weeks — the sexually explicit Lollipop — and has been featured on numerous hits over the past year, including the recent remix to Usher's Love in This Club.

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Cohen flick coming next May

One of the most anticipated comedies on Hollywood's upcoming slate now has a release date. Bruno, Sacha Baron Cohen's followup to the 2006 hit Borat, is set to debut on May 15, 2009, *ew.com* reports.

Cohen

Although details have been kept secret, the new film is expected to be similar to Borat: It's based on a character that the comedian introduced to American audiences with his acclaimed HBO comedy series Da Ali G Show, and it is likely to feature Baron Cohen conducting interviews with people who are supposedly unaware that he's an actor in disguise — this time as a flamboyant Austrian fashion reporter.

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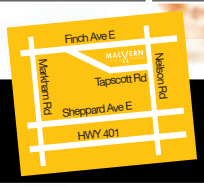

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Bono, Geldof speak up

Canada 'off track' on African aid, report says

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Bono and Bob Geldof, seen here at a 2007 concert in Germany, are pressing wealthy nations to come through with more aid for African nations.

Bono, Bob Geldof and other celebrities pressed the world's wealthiest countries yesterday to come through with more pledged financial aid for Africa.

The Irish rock stars-turned-activists presented a new report that found the Group of Eight countries have collectively donated a fraction of the US$22 billion in extra funds they pledged in 2005 to be paid by 2010.

"What this big, long, exact, cold and brutal analysis shows us is that halfway to this historic date of 2010 — halfway — these wealthy countries ... have delivered 14 per cent. How tragic is that?" Geldof told reporters in Paris.

"What a failure for all of us," he said.

The report by Data, an advocacy group aimed at wiping out extreme poverty and AIDS in Africa, says targeted aid is working, but countries are falling behind in their commitments. It says that France's assistance to sub-Saharan Africa fell $66 million from 2006 to 2007; that Germany, Italy and Canada are off "track"; and that "more is needed" from Japan.

The United States and Britain appear set to meet their targets by 2010, the report adds.

Bono, Geldof, singer Angelique Kidjo, tennis star-turned-singer Yannick Noah and aid workers laid out the findings in Paris, partly to put pressure on France near the July 1 start of its presidency of the European Union.

The report said that 2.1 million Africans are on life-saving AIDS drugs, up from 50,000 in 2002; that 26 million children were immunized against life-threatening diseases from 2001 to 2006; and that 29 million children in Africa entered school for the first time between 1999 and 2005 because of debt relief and increased aid.

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Bardem wins top film award

PEOPLE Javier Bardem (above) has won Spain's 2008 national film award, an honour given annually by the Culture Ministry.

Bardem was selected for the $46,500 prize for "goals achieved throughout a long career."

The Spanish Culture Ministry, in a statement yesterday, highlighted the 39-year-old actor's "defence of the acting profession and a constant commitment to Spanish cinema."

Bardem won a best supporting actor Oscar this year for No Country for Old Men. His screen credits also include Before Night Falls.

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Lake fires back at doctors

Says it was unfair to criticize her home birth

Lake

Ricki Lake is firing back at a physician's group that singled her out for bringing attention to at-home baby births.

The 39-year-old former talk-show host is named in a recent statement by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists that says the home is not the safest setting for giving birth.

In her film The Business Of Being Born, a documentary about the maternity care system, Lake is shown giving birth in the bathtub of her Manhattan apartment to her second son Owen, who turned seven yesterday.

"It's scary that both (the ACOG and the AMA) have sort of targeted me," Lake told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"And, you know, I'm all about choice. This is not unlike the abortion issue. I am pro-choice when it comes to childbirth and choices in birth. Home birth was around long before hospitals were taking over — and I just think women need to know so that they can make the best choice for them."

Lake said she had no problems delivering her oldest son Milo, 11, at the hospital, but "looking back on it, I felt that I did not necessarily need the intervention. I didn't need the (drug Pitocin, which induces labour). I just should have laboured on my own."

The second time around, as long as her pregnancy continued to be low-risk, she decided to give birth at home.

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Michael talks of gay marriage

Singer says it's 'way overdue' in United States

George Michael is a most happy fellow these days: He's kicking off his first North American tour in 17 years and same-sex marriage has just been legalized in California.

"It's way overdue," the 44-year-old English pop star told The Associated Press.

"It's something that happened ... almost without a whisper in England, but it was basically because we weren't that concerned about the word 'marriage.'"

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Singer George Michael is now on tour.

Michael, who is openly gay, said, "because this is a much more religious society, there are a huge number of people who want (their) unions to be part of something that they can place in their religion, so (marriage is) much more important here.

"I think that's why it's so long in arriving here, but I think it's fantastic, obviously."

Hundreds of gay and lesbian couples rushed to county clerks' offices throughout California this week to obtain marriage licences and exchange vows as same-sex marriage became legal Monday afternoon.

The next day, Michael kicked off the multi-city 25 Live tour at the San Diego Sports Arena.

Why so long between concerts in North America?

"The '90s were a bit of a disaster for me in so many ways. On a personal level, I don't think I could have toured. Also, I had some physical problems with my back that are now sorted and I just wasn't in the right state of mind," he told the AP.

Michael, who recently released his greatest hits album, Twenty Five, has said this will be his last arena tour because he wants to lead a quieter life.

He has had several runins with the law, on charges ranging from drug possession to lewd conduct.

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J. Lo performs at elementary school

PEOPLE Students at a New York City school for autistic children really liked the way Jennifer Lopez moves. So teacher Kathy Amati showed the video for Lopez's Let's Get Loud to the students at Public School 37. The children liked it so much, with their teacher's encouragement, they wrote to Lopez, hoping for pictures or an autograph. Instead, she asked to come to their graduation.

On Tuesday, the singer-actress performed Let's Get Loud for a group of 10- and 11-year-olds at its graduation ceremony.

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McKenzies going south?

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Rick Moranis and Dave Thomas as SCTV's Bob and Doug McKenzie. The Fox network is eyeing a show featuring the fictional brothers in cartoon form.

GET LOST, EH? I suppose as a Canadian I should be used to this feeling, but there's something both triumphant and sad in the news that Bob and Doug McKenzie are heading to the small screen in cartoon form, with Fox their likely home in the U.S., according to a Canadian Press story.

Talking to CP from Los Angeles, where he was working on scripts for the show, Dave Thomas said that the show was initially green-lit by Global here in Canada, and that Fox expressed interest when they saw how eager the Canadian network was to get the show in production, and asked to see scripts and the pilot.

"We submit the pilot in early August," Thomas said, "and we'll hear after that. But I think they'll go for it — I think they like this show. Just to get them this close is good, and means we can probably get someone else interested if they're not."

According to Thomas, the show takes the iconic character created for SCTV with Rick Moranis and puts them in a new, apparently updated setting. "They are in a world that they weren't in before, and they have some friends who are a little raunchier than they are," he said.

While Thomas is clearly the instigator of the cartoon iteration of the McKenzies, Moranis is far less enthusiastic, as he "doesn't enjoy doing any showbiz stuff anymore ... I can't even guarantee his involvement long term in this, but whatever ... if I have to drag a sound-alike in for his voice, I'll do that. I don't think anyone would care because it's a new product."

I'm not sure I'd agree with that last bit, Dave, but we'll see, won't we? Thomas is abundantly aware of the irony that a skit created as a joke to placate the grumblings of Canada's culture bureaucrats concerned about Canadian content on the show has turned into a nest egg of sorts, and an ongoing role for the comedians.

"I thought it was a bit of a nightmare back then, when I thought of myself as a young artist, but now that I think of myself as an old hack, I'm glad I have Bob and Doug," Thomas said.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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	210	302	6	CBC	Coronation St.	Who Do-Think	jPod Introduction. (DVS)		The Dark Room (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Friends	Hollywood	Ugly Betty (HDTV)		Supernatural (HDTV)		Battlestar Galactica		News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		So You Think You Can Dance		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	218	345	11	CH	The Insider (N)	E! News	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Red Carpet	Ty Pennington	Fear Itself "Family Man"		News (N)
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	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	How I Met	Engagement	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Swingtown (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
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	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Jimmy Kimmel	NBA Count	NBA Basketball Finals Game 7 -- Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics.				
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	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	Smallville "Action"		Supernatural (HDTV)		CW11 News at Ten		Two/Half Men
	296	654	331	SBK	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dr. Phil		News (N)	Jeopardy!	Frasier	Frasier	Cheers
	298	653	332	TLA	Reba	Reba	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smallville
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	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		Asia Squawk Box		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money
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	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Just for Laughs		Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Buy Me	Holmes on Homes		Disaster DIY	The Big Flip	Handyman Superstar		Holmes-Homes
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Mr. Deeds ★ (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler.				Frasier	Frasier	Seinfeld
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park	NBA Play/Year	Black Carpet	Thank-Mama	Comicview		Top 25 Under 25		Different World
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	526	507	249	CLT	The West Wing		The Awakening (1995, Romance) Cynthia Geary.				Traders		The West Wing
	300	601	301	M1	Partition (2007, Drama) Jimi Mistry, Kristin Kreuk.				Puffball ★★ (2007, Suspense) Kelly Reilly.				Little Miss Sun
	305	612	306	PIX	(6:45) Bite the Bullet ★★★ (1975, Western)				The Godfather, Part II ★★★★ (1974, Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall.				

critics'corner

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

Try saying the title of this episode — "The Chick Chop Flick Shop" — three times fast. The CSIs investigate a horror film studio when an actress is killed. The suspects include her boyfriend (Chris Diamantopoulos) and the studio's owners (Matt Gerald, Will Sasso), one of whom is trying to frame the other. Rookie CSI Ronnie Lake (Jessica Lucas) finds herself in a real-life horror scenario when she finds another body at the scene. 8 PM on CTV

Bite the Bullet

An excellent cast heads this 1975 Western about a long-distance horse race sponsored by a newspaper. Those who enter have only a few days to make it across 700 miles — but a lot can happen in that time. Participants include a former Rough Rider, a woman, a poor Mexican and an English gentleman. James Coburn, Gene Hackman, Ben Johnson, Candice Bergen, Mario Ateaga and some beautiful horses star. 6 AM on PIX

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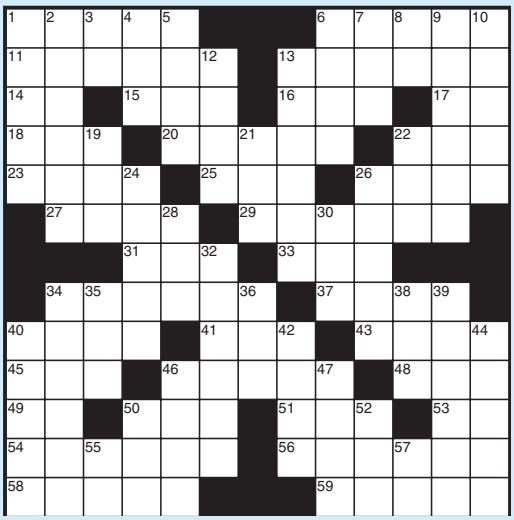

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1 Chicago airport
2 Flattening
3 "I'll Stand — You" (Pretenders tune)
4 Sitter's handful
5 Familiar digits
6 Perfect place
7 Lacking moisture
8 Maiden loved by Zeus
9 Long, vehement speech
10 Cut flowers
12 Decorate gifts
13 Japanese pooches
19 Have a cough
21 Tricycle rider
22 Mr. Brynner
24 Meted out
26 A drinking toast
28 Crusty dessert
30 Cleveland cager
32 Band member
34 Exercise taker
35 Blue or green
36 That yacht
38 Fleming of 007 novels
39 Zero
40 Brag
42 Cold spell
44 Overnight visits
46 Furrow makers
47 Pub pints
50 Layer
52 Pool length
55 Refrain syllable
57 Gold Rush st.

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1 Moon track
6 Makes revisions to
11 Barn feature
13 Skillful
14 Desert st.
15 Each
16 Low island
17 It precedes mi
18 Narrow inlet
20 Tuxedo trim
22 Candied goody
23 Writer — Bagnold
25 Saucepan
26 Brewski
27 Mashed potato serving
29 Fishing gear
31 Bottle edge
33 — Paulo, Brazil
34 Car, slangily
37 Stuck-up
40 Modem speed unit
41 Happy sighs
43 Burma neighbour
45 Fiesta shout
46 Safari sight
48 Filbert, for example
49 Juneau's st.
50 Baltimore bard
51 Completely
53 Okefenokee loc.
54 Merchant
56 Fine as can be
58 Shallow containers
59 Gaiters

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Have a reliable person edit your work. Pay attention when putting friends into vehicles. Your days of loneliness are over.

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Put a new investment strategy into effect. A bad situation causes remarks to flare. A kind woman tries to spare your feelings.

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Sensitivity may cause artistic problems. Take a burden off a tired person's shoulders. A man wants something precious.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
A sorry fool takes you on a flight of fancy. A friend has an ailment and needs help. Be cautious in word and deed.

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Plan to get away from a loudmouth. Don't pitch a fit in public. Your creative flair battles with self-criticism.

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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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Johnny keeps his promises

New hat for 12-year-old: Johnny Depp is a cat in the hat one 12-year-old will never forget, *People.com* reports. Playing 1930s bank robber John Dillinger — American's Most Wanted at the time — for his upcoming movie Public Enemies, Depp was shooting on location in Wisconsin in April when he was observed on the set by local boy Jack Taylor, who especially admired Depp's Dillinger hat. In fact, the boy wanted the fedora and asked the actor if he could have it. Depp, 45, said Taylor could, once the movie was finished. Last week, reports the Oshkosh, Wis., newspaper the Northwestern, Depp made good on his promise. Taylor received the hat. The leading man's rep also included gifts for Taylor's four siblings from Depp's Charlie And The Chocolate Factory, as well as a note from the star himself, telling Jack to enjoy what was sent. Now Taylor is at work on a thank you note. His parents are helping.

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Tyler intimidated by Norton's bod

THE INCREDIBLE HULK Liv Tyler dreaded shooting romantic scenes with her The Hulk co-star Ed Norton — because she felt the actor's lean physique put her own to shame, *imdb.com* reports. The Fight Club star toned up for his role as Bruce Banner, the scientist who transforms into the raging green monster. And Tyler, who plays Banner's girlfriend Betty, was so intimidated, she didn't want to be filmed standing next to him.

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Celebrity brief

SEX SCENES Angelina Jolie was reluctant to film sex scenes with James McAvoy in Wanted — because she prefers filming romps with partner Brad Pitt, reports *imdb.com*. McAvoy described filming sex scenes with Jolie as "sweaty and uncomfortable." But Jolie is unfazed by the comments; she prefers to film sex scenes with her beau Pitt, "you know, in general."

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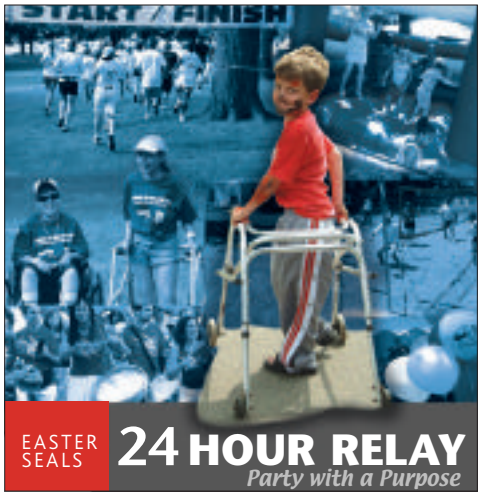

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Celebrity Buzz

Rivers gets boot for on-air cursing

APOLOGIES Joan Rivers was thrown off a live TV show after branding Russell Crowe a "f**ing s**t" Tuesday.

The 75-year-old comedienne was a guest on Britain's Loose Women when she lashed out at the Oscar-winning actor.

Joan — who preceded the remark with "get ready to bleep this" — was asked to leave during the commercial break, according to *femalefirst.co.uk*.

When the show returned from commercials, host Jackie Brambles apologized to viewers, saying: "Apologies for the offensive language. Unfortunately, Joan has had to leave us."

Joan later claimed she hadn't realized the program was live and unable to bleep out her comments.

She said: "Yes, I swore, and I'm so f**ing sorry. No one told me the TV show Loose Women was a reality show and that I would be voted off. It's funny — offstage, I hardly ever use profanity. My favourite four-letter word is shop."

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Tabloids taught Ivanka Trump

DIVORCE Ivanka Trump says that, as kids, she and her brothers Donald Jr. and Eric learned the tawdry details of their parents' scandalous divorce by reading The New York Post, *Pagesix.com* reports. The gorgeous blond tells next month's Town & Country they found out Donald was caught carrying on with model Marla Maples from this newspaper. "We'd come home from school having read (about) them on the cover of The Post," she reveals.

The most jolting possibly being: "Marla Boasts to Pals about Donald: BEST SEX I EVER HAD."

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Drugs killing Amy Winehouse?

WARNING Amy Winehouse has been warned she must quit drugs or risk death, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The troubled singer was hospitalized on Monday after fainting and was kept the next night for further tests to establish why she collapsed. A source revealed to Britain's The Sun newspaper: "Eventually she won't get up again.

"The only thing to stop that happening is if she quits drugs."

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'Fat' word banned

LANGUAGE Sarah Jessica Parker has been given her orders. And it involves watching her mouth, reports Sky News. Her little lad has vetoed the word fat from being used in their homestead. Little James Wilke insists the word upsets him more than any swear word.

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Brit visits home and Jamie Lynn

BABY BOOST Britney Spears flew to her hometown of Kentwood, La., yesterday as her pregnant sister Jamie Lynn, 17, prepares to give birth, a source tells *Us-magazine.com*. The singer, 26, could stay home for at least a month. At a hearing in her conservatorship case on Tuesday, a L.A. court commissioner pushed back a July 31 hearing to determine whether her father Jamie should maintain legal control over the singer. The court commissioner said the singer will be on vacation and won't be back in time.

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baby dreams?

SECRET SHARED Paris Hilton has had a secret shared. But will she be cross or surprised? After all it was her man, Benji Madden, doing all the gum-flapping, according to Sky News.

He popped along to Ryan Seacrest's radio show with his brother Joel.

But while it might have been expected that Joel — father of Nicole Richie's five-month-old baby daughter Harlow — would have been chatting babies, who'd have thunk that Benji would have little 'uns on his mind?

He said about his relationship with Paris: "I'm so beyond happy. Of course, when you're that happy, you think about everything."

When asked if he worries about having kids, Benji replied: "Not at all. I mean, she's my best friend."

This comment prompted Joel to interject sarcastically, "I can see it tomorrow, 'Benji's Ready for Fatherhood.'"

Not to be put off, however, Benji continued: "I've never been so happy. Nothing worries me in life anymore. When you find that best friend, that love, all your worries kind of go away."

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